

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

March 14, 2011

7:30 PM

Present: S. Snyder, Chairperson, G. Balavender, D. Khan-Bureau (arrived at 7:44), R. Phillips, L. Wildrick, G. Ziegra, M. Chinatti-WEO

Absent: E. Belt E. Natoli, W. Leuck, Vacancy, Alt.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Public Hearing-None

M/S/C (Wildrick/Phillips) to seat G. Balavender for D. Khan-Bureau. Vote: Approved Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Ziegra/Balavender) to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: Approved Unanimously

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: M. Chinatti presented her memorandum to the Commission outlining application # AR 11-02-01, City of New London, property at 150 New London Road (See File Copy). She stated the applicant is requesting an As of Right determination for forest thinning. She outlined the crossings and landings as well as how many trees will be thinned.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AR # 11-02-01, 150 New London Road, City of New London.

Dan Peracchio of Ferrucci and Walicki, Middlefield presented for the City of New London. He described the activity that would take place on the property. He stated there will be three (3) temporary bridges consisting of 15-20 feet, 8X8 beams, strung together. These will be pre-constructed offsite and will span the

crossings and will not be in the streams. He stated most of the area where the thinning is taking place is flat but in the few areas where it is steep they will follow the state guidelines for best management practices for sedimentation and erosion control.

S. Snyder asked when and how long the project will take.

The applicant stated that from start to finish it should take approximately 6-8 weeks. He informed the Commission that the work will be done in the dry season, most likely in mid summer and finish around mid fall depending on weather.

G. Ziegler asked if they were the company which did the thinning on the property in the past.

The applicant stated they have done work on the property. The Commission remembered there were no issues at the time.

The applicant stated he would inform the Town Planner when work begins on the thinning. He also stated there was a \$2000 bond with the City of New London.

M/S/C (Ziegler/Phillips) to approve the As of Right determination of application # AR 11-02-01. Vote: Approved Unanimously

(D. Khan-Bureau arrives at 7:44)

M/S/C (Wildrick/Khan/Bureau) to seat G. Balavender for W. Leuck. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- 1) Adhoc Conservation Committee report-No report**
- 2) Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee report-**S. Snyder stated that L. Schroeder has been busy with the Plan of Conservation and Development and has not been working on the inventory recently
- 3) Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee report-**D. Khan-Bureau stated she has a rapid bio assessment and an amphibian walk which will be scheduled for the month of April.

CORRESPONDENCE: Municipal Inland Wetlands Commissioner's Training Program flyer

Letter from DEP to Brian Ploof, Sr. concerning the access over the state owned boat ramp. The Town of Salem was copied on the correspondence to Mr. Ploof. It was noted that Mr. Ploof's application was approved by the Commission but that he was advised to discuss with CT DEP what they would request of him.

The Habitat Newsletter.

S. Snyder informed the Commission that she and S. Spang, Recording Secretary attended the Connecticut Land Use Law Seminar at Wesleyan University in Middletown on March 12, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Ziegra/Wildrick) to adjourn at 7:56. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary